

Appl. No. 09/832,510
Amdt. dated March 29, 2004
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1642

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 7-14 and 35-42 are pending.

II. The Present Amendment

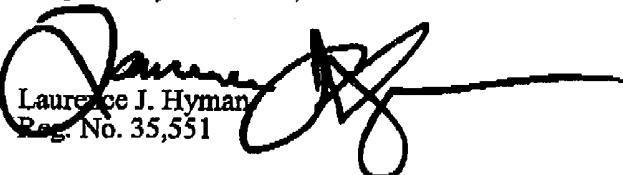
A notice of appeal was filed October 27, 2003. In an Advisory Action mailed November 11, 2003, claims 7-14 and 35-42 were allowed, and the rejection of claims 15-18 and 43-45 was continued. The present amendment cancels claims 15-18 and 43-45 without prejudice to their being pursued in a continuation application. The claims remaining under examination, therefore, are the claims allowed in the Advisory Action. Entry of the amendment is appropriate at this time as it places the application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, all claims now pending in this application have been allowed. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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